THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Continuous efforts are being made to increase our exports to have favourable balance of trade. A number of steps have been taken to promote exports which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralization and simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions.

Sick industries in India

1051. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sick industries in India for the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of workers involved in these sick-industries;

(c) the total amount of bank loans given to these sick industries; and

(d) the causes of sickness of these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country is compiled by the Reserve Bank of India. As per the latest available report, State-wise details of sick industrial units are given in the Statement. (*See* below). As at the end of March, 1998 the position of industrial sickness in the country and outstanding bank credit are as follow:—

(Rs. in crore)

Category	No. of units	Outstanding Bank Credit
1. SSI sick	221536	3856.64
2. Non-SSI sick/weak	2476	11825.25
Total	224012	15681.89

According to Performance Review 1998 of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), 15,08,386 workers were involved in 2454 companies registered upto 31.12.98 with BIFR under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

(d) According to RBI report, a number of causes, both internal and external, often operating in combination, have been responsible for industrial sickness. The main causes include deficiencies in planning, management, marketing etc.

Statement

Name of the State/ Union Territories	No. of Non-SSI sick/weak unit	No. of Sick SSI units
Assam	44	15774
Meghalaya	2	4076
Mizoram	0	615
Bihar	63	24935
Arunachal Pradesh	2	456
West Bengal	240	53617
Nagaland	2	1386
Manipur	2	1919
Orrisa	57	1889
Sikkim	1	33
Tripura	6	2011
Andaman and Nicobar	0	45
Uttar Pradesh	208	14294
Delhi	34	3580
Punjab	69	2376
Haryana	86	2149
Chandigarh	3	163
Jammu & Kashmir	7	1627
Himachal Pradesh	32	735
Rajasthan	87	15655
Gujarat	215	6808
Maharashtra	410	17925
Daman and Diu	5	5
Goa	13	670
Dadar and Nagar Haveli	8	2
Madhya Pradesh	116	8348
Andhra Pradesh	295	12074
Karnataka	171	6680
Tamil Nadu	198	12289
Kerala	85	8969
Pondicherry	15	431
Total	2476	221536